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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Chief, Advanced Concepts Division
Office of Research and Development

FROM: Executive Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT: National Intelligence University (NIU)

1. Admiral Turner was much taken with your memorandum proposing formation of an Intelligence University analogous to the National War College. He asked me to develop a concept of how to proceed. A paper developed for his consideration is attached. He has asked me to provide it to you for your consideration, and has asked for a meeting involving you, (of the DCI's staff), him and me to discuss the question of the Intelligence University.

2. For your information, made the following comments on the draft:

-- The head of the National Intelligence University should be placed directly under the DCI from the outset. (I am concerned that if a future DCI is not an eager supporter of the University, his lack of interest could be harmful to the NIU if it is responsible only to him. I prefer to give it some bureaucratic protection within the organization while preserving direct access to the DCI.)

-- The NIU should make very sparing use of guest lecturers.

-- The NIU should have a permanent core faculty versus all PCS rotations.

-- The NIU should have a Board of Visitors. (I agree with this.)

-- Three departments would seem sufficient: (1) fundamental concepts; (2) management and career training; and (3) practical skills, to include language training.

3. I offer thoughts to insure that you are fully up to date on what has transpired so far. I likely will schedule a lunch with the

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Admiral to discuss this question the first day or so of next week. Our office will be in touch with you regarding specific date and time.



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